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This is a follow-up to my previous e-mail regarding the currently proposed Microsoft Settlement agreement. In particular I wish to address the \$1.5 billion donation of software and hardware. I would strongly urge that this be changed to MS handing over to the SLD 1.5 in CASH to be used in the next funding year for the federal e-rate program. This would provide a total of \$4 billion instead of the \$2.5 billion that are allocated each year. There are many advantages to this. First there is already a plan in place to distribute these funds based on school lunch programs. There are strict requirements for filing and most importantly the schools get to choose the technology that meets their needs and are not forced to use a MS solution that, once again, propagates their monopolistic position and does in fact hurt other companies in the field of academic software and hardware.

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